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For: INTERACTION INHIBITORS, METHOD OF DETECTING INTERACTION
INHIBITOR AND KIT FOR DETECTING INTERACTION INHIBITOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2007, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9-11, for prosecution in the subject application.

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Group 1 contains claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9-11 and 23-30. Applicants respectfully advise the Examiner that this application only contains claims 1-15. Also, because the Office has not performed its detailed search and examination, it is understood that the statements on the bottom of page 2 and the top of page 3 of the Office Action do not reflect the Office's detailed study of the application and the prior art.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claim.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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